

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 127 - SB 383**

March 28, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any employer with 50 or more employees to offer equal health insurance coverage of that which is offered to management or executive level employees. If the employer does not offer health insurance coverage, then coverage that meets the minimum health care requirements of a basic health plans must be offered.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent that some of the currently enrolled children will become ineligible through their parents' employee health insurance plan, the TennCare program could have a decrease in state expenditures estimated to exceed \$400,000.**

#### **Assumptions:**

- Uninsured and uninsurable adults will lose coverage under the currently proposed reform plans and were not considered as part of the decrease in expenditures.
- Currently, there are over 55,000 uninsured or uninsurable children enrolled in the TennCare program.
- If 100 current enrollees were to become ineligible, the estimated savings would be \$442,100 in a decrease of state and federal expenditures combined.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director